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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 0190

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SY

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP ON TENSIONS BETWEEN SYRIAN  
COMMUNISTS AND SARG

REF: A. CAIRO 0398 B. 75 DAMASCUS 5160

1. WE ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT DIR. IMMIGRATION  
BRIG. FUAD ABU AL-KHAYR DETAINED BY SARG FOR PERMITTING  
ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS TO CPS MEMBERS WHO ON SARG  
LIST OF COMMUNISTS NOT ALLOWED TO TRAVEL ABROAD.

WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT SOME MEMBERS OF AIRPORT  
SECURITY/IMMIGRATION SECTION DETAINED FOR ALLOWING  
CPS MEMBERS TO LEAVE COUNTRY DESPITE PRESENCE  
THEIR NAMES ON THIS LIST. ADDITIONALLY, WE HEAR  
SOME COMMUNISTS ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE WHO  
DEPARTED SYRIA AT LEAST TEMPORARILY DETAINED BY  
SECURITY PERSONNEL. THIS GROUP REPORTEDLY INCLUDES  
PEOPLE'S COUNCIL DEPUTY YUSUF NIMR, BUT TOTAL  
NUMBER DETAINEES SUPPOSEDLY DOES NOT EXCEED HANDFUL.

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2. WE UNABLE CONFIRM ALLEGED "ABSENCE" OF BAKDASH  
FROM DAMASCUS IN ORDER ATTEND HAVANA CONFERENCE

AND HIS SUBSEQUENT "RETURN" REPORTED BY AL-AHRAM  
REF A. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CPS DELEGATION TO HAVANA  
CONFERENCE NOT ALLOWED TO BOARD PLANE HERE TO  
ACCOMPANY BAATHIST DELEGATION FOLLOWING PROBLEMS  
MENTIONED REF B AND THAT SOME CPS MEMBERS THEN  
TRAVELING OUTSIDE SYRIA CONTACTED AND ORDERED TO  
HAVANA. BUT NONE OF OUR LOCAL SOURCES HAVE PLACED

BAKDASH HIMSELF IN HAVANA.

3. ONE SOURCE ADVISES THAT AS A RESULT OF SECURITY  
LAPSE IN PERMITTING CPS MEMBERS TO TRAVEL, SARG  
HAS DRASTICALLY REVISED ITS TRAVEL REGULATIONS.  
ALL SYRIAN CITIZENS DESIRING TRAVEL ABROAD MUST NOW

HAVE APPLICATION, PERSONALLY APPROVED BY  
MINISTER OF INTERIOR ZAZA. IF TRUE, IT IS HARD  
TO IMAGINE SO CLUMSY A SYSTEM LASTING LONG.  
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